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For : METHOD FOR CONTROLLING AVERAGE PORE DIAMETER OF POROUS  
BODY COMPRISING APATITE/COLLAGEN COMPOSITE FIBERS

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on January 11, 2007, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Chinese Office Action dated August 8, 2008 with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 200580010769.0, in which the following document was cited:

- (1) KIKUCHI et al., "Porous Body Preparation of Hydroxyapatite/Collagen Nanocomposites for Bone Tissue Regeneration," Key Engineering Materials, Vols. 254-256, pages 561-564 (2004).

The relevance of the document cited in the Chinese Office Action, as ascertained with respect to the Chinese claims by the Chinese Examiner, is set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

Applicants further bring to the attention of the Examiner a Singapore Office Action dated July 4, 2008 with respect to Singapore Patent Application No. 200606631-0, in which above-noted document (1) and the following documents were cited:

- (2) JP 2-265935 A;
- (3) WO 97/14376 A1;
- (4) WO 03/092759 A1; and
- (5) EP 1500405 A1, which is a patent family member of document (4).

The relevance of the document cited in the Singapore Office Action, as ascertained with respect to the Singapore claims by the Singapore Examiner, is set forth in the Singapore Office Action.

Applicants note that above-noted documents (1)-(4) were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 11, 2007, and thus, copies of documents (1)-(4) are not provided herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of above-noted document (5) is attached hereto, and is listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Chinese Office Action (including an English language translation thereof) and European Office Action are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for

the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p), to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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